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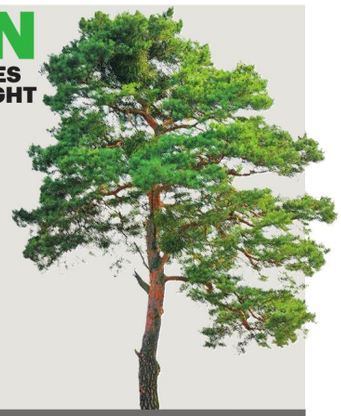

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UberX 'threat' to taxi system: Report

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

The looming launch of UberX has taxi companies asking for a level playing field while Calgary's Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee raises concerns over the system's future.

Rupinder Gill said he "welcomes all competition," because it's good for customers, but

"If Uber doesn't want to follow the bylaws of the City of Calgary, then why do we have to follow the bylaws?" said Gill. "We're a regulated industry, so they should be regulated as well."

A "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats" (SWOT) analysis presented at the TLAC meeting Friday classified "uninsured independent operators (who) partner with App platforms" as a "threat" to the future of the controlled-entry licensing system.

Chief livery inspector Mario Henriques said he wouldn't say is Uber a "threat" but added the City is concerned about the management of taxi systems.

"Customer satisfaction ratings are 86 per cent, any business in the City of Calgary would be very happy with those types of satisfaction ratings," said Henriques. "We do have issues that we need to deal with around peak periods, but we can't do that in an open system and maintain the level of service for the rest of the week."

Henriques said current regulated-entry system ensures customers get affordable rates with assurance of quality and safe service.

Congregated stops a worry for parents

TRANSPORTATION

Move meant to reduce ride times and cut costs: Board

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgary mom Autumn Rae has been forced to hire a chaperone for her children.

With the Calgary Board of Education's move to congregated bus stops, Rae employed someone to guide her young kids to the bus stop every morning.

Her school transportation costs continue to rise — she may have to buy the babysitter and her two children city transit passes during the winter months.

"I can't afford to be buying city bus passes for my kids to take the bus to the school bus," she said. "It doesn't make sense."

At a news conference on Tuesday, Calgary Board of Education chair Joy Bowen-Eye addressed congregated bus stops. The CBE removed a number of stops in order to cut down costs and reduce ride times.

"We have a complex transportation system, with more than 1,000 routes and serving approximately 38,000 students, and we continue to get registrations for bus transportation daily," said Bowen-Eyre, noting parents may have to look at other options for winter.

Last year, Rae's walk to the bus stop was 1.1 kilometres. The new congregated stop is 2 km away. She said it takes 35 minutes to get there.

She's in university classes during the early morning. Recently, she agreed to let a friend live with her in exchange for babysitting and walking her kids to the bus stop in the morning. Her children are in the first and second grade, too young to walk so far in the cold, she said.

School bus fees cost $300 this year. A city transit pass costs $99 for an adult and $65 for youth, per month, according to the transit website. That's an additional $229 per month for Rae during the winter season.

"It's a long walk for those kids in the winter," she said. "That's my only solution right now; I'm going to have to buy bus passes for everybody. But if I'm doing that, then I'm not paying for transportation for my kids on the school bus. The babysitter could just take the city bus, or I'll get a cab."

Rae said she's still weighing her options for when the winter months arrive.

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Operation Space Station lifts off

FUNDRAISING

Community lends a hand to fix homeless man's RV

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Chuck Gow knows what the difficulties faced by homeless people in Calgary can be like. He was once one of them.

So, when Gow heard the story of Jimmy (Star Man) Marsh, whose RV with a "galaxy-inspired" paint job was recently moved from its long-term home on 35 Street SE and badly in need of renovations, it struck a chord.

"Everything I have now stems from once not having anything," said Gow. "It's really important for me to give back."

Gow and his wife, Alia, who own Hoodlum Customs, are just a few of the people who've come forward after Metro was first to report on Jimmy's situation in August.

The couple now plan on helping Jimmy restore his 1970's Cabana called the "Space Station" to working condition, as a useable space for the bottle collector.

"With Chuck's past Jimmy's story will hit home with us," said Alia. "It really is coming from the heart."

Debbie Grifffin-Nance saw Jimmy "gracing the front page of Metro Calgary last month she said she became "very emotional" at the sight of his familiar face and painted RV.

The two met a few years back at a McDonalds just off Barlow Trail. Griffin-Nance said the two hit it off, and became friends.

"I hadn't seen him since a few years back and I didn't know what had happened to him," said Griffin-Nance.

Chuck Gow (left), Debbie Griffin-Nance, Jimmy Star Man, Alia Gow, Tamara Rose and Kaydence Gow put their hands in for their first cheer as Team Space Station. Inset: Jimmy has painted his RV with over 300 cans of spray paint to look like a galaxy.

LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO; INSET: AARON CHATHA

> **Everything happens for a reason. We were all meant to meet. These people have very open hearts.**
> Jimmy (Star Man) Marsh

"He's a very special person with a unique story, and I really want the best for him. I just really wanted to see what we could do to help him."

Griffin-Nance put out a call on social media to help Jimmy, and within hours she had recruited the Gow family and Hoodlum Customs, along with the local philanthropist group, Pinups for a Cause.

"We like to pick charities that go under the radar and people who kind of get missed," said Tamara Rose, founder of Pinups for a Cause.

Rose said their group will aid Jimmy by hosting events to help him raise funds that can go towards renovating his RV and stocking it for the winter.

Jimmy and Gow have big plans for the Space Station's renovations, including a full stainless steel interior for easier cleaning after bottle collecting, a working engine and solar panels to help efficiently heat the RV during the winter months.

The kindness and help being offered to Jimmy was far from lost on him.

"Everything happens for a reason," he said.

"We were all meant to meet. These people have very open hearts."

Jimmy's RV is currently being stored by his good friend Gord Webster. Gow plans on assessing the bus in the coming days, while the Pinups are already planning fun events to raise money for Operation Space Station.

HELPING OUT

To help with restoration or to donate parts, contact Chuck and Alia and Hoodlum Customs at 1-403-363-3098.

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ENVIRONMENT

Climate panel referees as lobbyists enter ring

Advocates on both sides of Alberta's climate change debate are mobilizing their grassroots in hopes of influencing the panel that will recommend how the province should address the issue.

In one corner is the Energy Citizens, a group created by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, made up of people who "play a role in spreading the word about the positive role energy plays in our lives every day."

In the other is Greenpeace's newly launched Get Fresh campaign, which says "The Government of Alberta is creating a fresh plan to address climate change in Alberta and needs to hear your voice!"

Both groups are urging as many supporters as possible to fill out an online survey the province hopes will offer insight into what average Albertans think.

Both sides want members to turn out in numbers to government town hall and public input sessions.

Both groups are tweeting and Facebook-posting like crazy.

"We are trying to get our members and the general public engaged in the consultation process," Greenpeace spokesman Mike Hudema wrote in an email.

"This is a way for people to learn more, this is a way for people to do more and to speak up and have their voice heard," said Jeff Gaulin of the petroleum association.

In the middle, heading the government's panel and tasked with listening to both partisans and public, sits Andrew Leach.

"One part of our mandate was to provide an opportunity for Albertans to be heard," he said. "That's not the same as getting a statistically representative sample of what the population of Alberta wants."

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Const. Derek Klassen and chocolate Lab Moose greet Anmol Dhindsa at the 2016 calendar launch. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

Canines that help time pass

FUNDRAISER

Police service's top dogs to grace calendars for third year

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Const. Mike Lencucha said he isn't surprised his dog and partner, Arzan, was chosen as the cover boy for the third annual Calgary Police Service Canine Unit Calendar.

Although Lencucha said he might be a little biased, he believes the three-year-old German Shepherd is worthy of front page glory.

"In all honesty, I think he is the best looking dog," he said.

Lencucha and his canine partner launched the 2016 calendar Wednesday afternoon alongside other members of the prestigious CPS canine unit — some of the bravest members of CPS.

"These dogs are the NHL of dogs. They're the elite. They train super hard and they're fearless," said Lencucha. "They get put in situations that we sometimes don't want our officers in."

"We rely on these dogs to save police lives, public lives and even offenders."

The launch included demonstrations of criminal apprehension with a few of the dogs and their handlers, who took down a disguised CPS officer in a padded "bite suit."

But, what really shone through was the bond between the officers and their furry partners.

Sgt. Todd McNutt, who handles a German Shepherd named Tigg, said the relationship between a police dog and their handler is unparalleled in the line of duty.

They train together, work together and live together, becoming family, said McNutt.

"There probably isn't a tighter bond anywhere, in any partnership, in the police service," he said.

The canine unit has been a part of CPS since 1960. The dogs are some of CPS's most highly trained members and do a variety of different tasks, from criminal apprehension to sniffing out explosives or human remains.

According to police, on average, the CPS canine unit responds to 8,000 calls a year.

So far in 2015 the unit has responded to about 3,500 calls, and have been directly responsible for 300 of those arrests.

The calendar is available for purchase, featuring shots of CPS's furriest members lounging, playing and working throughout the city.

Proceeds go towards the Calgary Police Foundation to help fund initiatives in the city to "reduce youth victimization and criminal activity by focusing on education, prevention and early intervention."

To get your calendar, visit www.calgarypolicefoundation.ca.

INJURY

Two charged over dog-bite incident

Calgary Animal and Bylaw Services has laid charges after a five-year-old was sent to hospital with "serious" facial injuries after an apparent dog attack.

On Tuesday, a boy at a home in the 6900 block of Ranchero Road N.W. was allegedly attacked by an unlicensed dog inside the home.

Animal and bylaw services has charged both the dog's owner and caretaker each with one count of "attack causing severe injury" and one count of "unlicenced dog."

The animal is also undergoing a behavioural assessment following a 10-day quarantine.

"Animal & Bylaw Services makes public safety a top priority, and aggressive animal behaviour will not be tolerated," said inspector Doug Anderson in a release.

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>
> Doug Anderson

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The city is asking anyone who witnesses an aggressive animal or animal "running at large" to call 311.

If anyone is in danger, call 911.

The city said aggressive dog incidents result in a mandatory court appearance where consequences, which may include a fine of up to $10,000, are determined by a judge.

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RECREATION

Fire ban lifted after air quality improves

The fire ban has been lifted in Calgary.

Now that the air quality in the city has improved, the fire department is once again allowing Calgarians to use fire pits, campfires and other wood-burning devices.

Calgary Fire said this is the first fire ban they had implemented solely because of poor air quality.

They said they will continue to monitor air-quality conditions. If it worsens as a result of smoke from forest fires in neighbouring states and provinces, the fire ban will be reinstated. METRO

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Despite staying in the shop, many customers are still offered a take-away coffee cup instead of a mug. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Coffee-cup problem grows: Green Calgary

FOOD AND DRINK

Environmental charities urge greater use of reusable mugs

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Much to the dismay of Calgary's green activists, it's common to find a coffee shop filled with customers holding a to-go cup despite sitting down to enjoy their mid-day jolt of joe.

Most coffee cups are made with mixed materials, including plastic, so they aren't recyclable through Calgary's blue cart program. Yet, in many coffee shops, take-away cups are the only option.

From 2010 to 2011, Green Calgary put one Second Cup location to a test, counting how many disposable coffee cups were used.

On average, they found 3,000 cups being tossed in the trash daily from the one location.

"We've seen that the coffee-cup problem continues to grow," said Areni Kelleppan, executive director of Green Calgary.

"We're taking up so much space in our landfills with coffee cups, and our current landfills have a life span. That's the price of a coffee cup: every time we throw one away, we really have to think about what that means to us in the long run."

There's technology available to break down the mixture and recycle the coffee cups, but they come with a steep price tag.

> **We're taking up so much space in our landfills with coffee cups.**
>
> Areni Kelleppan, Green Calgary executive director

"I'm not sure it will be an option in Calgary from a recycling perspective," said Dick Ebersohn, leader of strategic planning and policy at the city.

"What we want to promote is the prevention of it happening in the first place and going back to the reusable cup. If you start looking at the amount of water, energy and electricity (the technology) would require, you have to ask yourself: 'Is it really worth it?'"

Through an ongoing coffee-cup campaign, Christina Seidel, with the Recycling Council of Alberta, found that giving customers their coffee in a paper cup instead of offering a ceramic mug "seems to be the norm, with only a few exceptions," in Alberta.

Seidel added that the best defence is changing those social norms by encouraging people to always have a reusable mug with them.

"People equate the paper cup with convenience instead of the wastefulness that it actually is," she said.

"We need to counter that with a social movement."

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Students fill out pledges at the University of Calgary Students' Union booth during Orientation Week. COURTESY GENE BAINES

Calgary students push for youth vote

FEDERAL ELECTION

Non-partisan campaign sweeping Alberta schools

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Students voting. It's a nationwide sore spot making millennials everywhere an easy teasing target.

Don't like the outcome of the election — so why didn't you vote?

"It's definitely a myth, especially when it comes to students," said Romy Garrido, Vice President of External Relations for the University of Calgary Students' Union. "We know that the 18 to 24-year old demographic has low voter turnout and it's due to apathy, but at the same time that's not fair to students.

"We're finding with post-secondary students that they actually do vote, it's unfortunately people who aren't in post-secondary who bring down that average."

Across Canada a wave of students are going against the grain and breaking the mould, making pledges to participate and vote in the federal election. The University of Calgary, Mount Royal University and SAIT are each launching their own Get Out The Vote Campaign" under the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), employing the same tactics as politicians, to get students to the polling stations Oct. 19.

The University of Calgary campaign, which launched Tuesday, has already garnered over 500 pledges. That's on top of the 3,600 already gathered from the provincial election.

Mount Royal University will start engaging students Sept. 8, and hopes to have more than 5,000 pledges. Their provincial pledge drive had 1,400.

"We go out and do classroom visits and try to be at all the welcome back events," said Madina Kanayeva, vice president external at the Students' association of Mount Royal University. "We just want to make sure that people pledge to vote."

"This year Mount Royal really wants to go big," Kanayeva said adding there are over 12,000 students and a lot of new faces this time of year.

SAIT will be starting their pledge drives later in September and trying to engage students face-to-face.

But a pledge doesn't equal a vote, so the U of C has also gone to personalized calls, which Garrido said may be easier said than done.

"At the same time as we're getting pledges we are recruiting volunteers," she said.

She added in her experience calling pledges for the provincial election very few who made the pledge said no to voting and most appreciated the reminder.

10,000

The number of pledges the University of Calgary hopes to get with its Get Out The Vote Campaign.

23

The number of student associations, Canada-wide, representing 300,000 students. In Calgary there are three post-secondary institutions participating.

38.8

Percentage of Canadians aged 18 to 24 who voted in the 2011 Federal election.

The new logo for Cardel Rec South intertwines Cs for "Cardel" and "community." COURTESY DAMON OCKEY

Community comes first for rec centre

SPORT

Cardel Homes sponsorship aims to give a little back

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Over the years, Damon Ockey has watched his kids play hockey at the South Fish Creek Recreation Association, but now the facility will feel a little more like home.

Thanks to a sponsorship from Cardel Homes, the company Ockey works for, the facility is getting a new name and some extra funding.

"We thought it was a good idea to put something back into the community," he said.

Les Turner, who has been general manager of the facility for 15 years, said the funding from Cardel Homes is perfect for them because of their shared community-oriented philosophies.

He said the facility's new logo represents what the sponsorship is all about.

"Very exciting how it all intertwines and pulls Cardel and the community all together — that's what the intertwined Cs is all about." he said.

The sponsorship will also alleviate the long-term financial burden of running a recreation centre, said Turner.

"It will allow us to redirect funds that we're currently putting into our life-cycle maintenance back toward day-to-day operations," he said. "So we won't have to charge the clientele as much to maintain the facility."

Ockey, marketing co-ordinator for Cardel, said they plan to expand their relationships with community organizations like the Calgary Hitmen and Roughnecks to include Cardel Rec.

"We really hope we can introduce some new programs that leverage our relationships with those sports teams to the centre," he said.

The sponsorship is also a "win-win" for the city, according to Turner.

"To have a recreational facility that's going to be very well maintained long into the future without putting any added pressure onto the taxpayers is a pretty good deal," he said.

WILDLIFE

Man in Calgary hospital after B.C. bear attack

A Cranbrook, B.C., man who was mauled by a grizzly bear is being treated for non-life-threatening injuries in a Calgary hospital.

B.C. conservation officer Joe Caravetta said the bow hunter was looking for elk east of Cranbrook on Tuesday evening when he came across a sow grizzly with two cubs.

"At about 50 metres he stood up and made a noise to alert the bear that he was there and the sow at that point charged him, ran right towards him," Caravetta said.

"It knocked him down, it started clawing him, biting him and threw him around. He was able to get up, and with his bow in hand and his arrow in hand, fight off the grizzly or hit it."

The man has head and neck injuries, Caravetta said.

When the sow left the area with its cubs the man walked back to his vehicle and called for help.

Caravetta said conservation officers have closed the area and don't believe the grizzly was badly injured.

He said it appears the bear was protecting its cubs and there are no plans to kill the animal.

"These bears are common there and he just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. "We do not feel that these bears are a public safety threat."

Caravetta, the inspector in charge of the Kootenay Boundary region, said there have been a lot of bear sightings in the area because of the poor berry crop this summer.

On Tuesday, the City of Cranbrook issued a statement warning the public to be cautious while using a pathway near a rail trail.

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Calgary-Foothills

Voters go to the polls today to elect a new MLA for this northwest Calgary riding — one vacated by former premier Jim Prentice after the May election. Metro asked the current candidates what they think is the biggest challenge facing Calgary and Alberta: **Lucie Edwardson** METRO

ALI BIN ZAHID

ALBERTA LIBERAL PARTY

PARTY: Alberta Liberal
AGE: 27
OCCUPATION: Most recently, Zahid was a product manager for software company, Paperistic.

The biggest immediate challenge facing Calgary and Alberta is the contraction of the economy and the resulting job losses and revenue shortfall.

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BLAIR HOUSTON

PC PARTY OF ALBERTA

PARTY: PC
AGE: 40
OCCUPATION: Owner of small business, Houston's Public House on 17th Ave.

The biggest challenge we face right now is thousands of jobs lost here in Calgary, including hundreds just in the past two days.

People who still have a job are worried about their families and their future.

When I talk to people at the doors, they say they're scared.

Their kids are going back to school, their school fees are still high after the NDP promised to reduce or eliminate fees, and families are stretched to the limit.

As a small businessman with a family, I face the same challenges.

That's why I'm running to be the MLA in Calgary-Foothills.

JANET KEEPING

GREEN PARTY OF ALBERTA

PARTY: Green Party of Alberta
AGE: 65
PRIOR OCCUPATION: President /CEO, Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership

Alberta's biggest challenge is making an orderly, decisive transition to sustainability. Our economy is heavily dependent upon oil and gas, which threaten the ecosystems upon which all life relies. It emits large volumes of greenhouse gases, as does the coal burned to produce electricity. Social sustainability is also a challenge. We must retrofit communities to provide the schools, childcare, health care, long-term care and other community facilities now missing. We need to treat each other with greater fairness and compassion and base our governmental decisions on the needs of future generations as well as our own.

MARK TAYLOR

THE ALBERTA PARTY

PARTY: Alberta Party
AGE: 42
PRIOR OCCUPATION: Entrepreneur/Professional Engineer

The biggest issue facing Albertans today is our slowing economy. Thousands of Albertans are out of work, more are worried they won't have another paycheque in two weeks and yet politicians are pointing fingers at who's to blame.

The NDP blame the PCs, the Wildrose blame the NDP. None of these parties are talking about how to get Albertans back to work. Only the Alberta Party has talked about tax breaks and grants for small businesses.

We've also mentioned taking advantage of a low Canadian dollar to grow our tourism and arts industries. It's time to put people before politics.

PRASAD PANDA

WILDROSE PARTY

PARTY: Wildrose
AGE:52
OCCUPATION: Professional Engineer and a senior supply chain manager for Suncor.

The biggest challenge facing Calgary and Alberta is the downturn in the energy sector and its impact on jobs and the economy.

Calgarians are worried and hurting.

Over 35,000 people have lost their jobs in the energy industry since the beginning of the year.

The NDP seem insensitive to the need to create a positive and stable climate that encourages investment and job creation.

I will work hard to make sure that the NDP hears every day in the Legislature that Albertans did not give them a mandate to take risky experiments with our economy and our jobs.

BOB HAWKESWORTH

ALBERTA LIBERAL PARTY

PARTY: NDP
AGE: 64
FROMER OCCUPATION: MLA for Calgary-Mountain and city councillor for 23 years

Calgary is facing the challenge of addressing an economic downturn, as is the province as a whole. Premier Notley has committed to addressing the issue of finances and jobs by implementing a job creation strategy and encouraging economic diversification. It is also a good idea to move ahead with projects like the new cancer centre and the Ring Road completion. Now is not the time to cut back on health and education spending. Laying off teachers and nurses won't help the economy. Doing what's right for Albertans is what I'm committed to and so is Premier Notley.

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Voters head to the polls in Calgary-Foothills Thursday with the seat of former premier Jim Prentice on the line. METRO FILE

Byelection seat hotly contested

POLITICS

Three-way race on for riding held by Tories since 1971

Voters in northwest Calgary go to the polls Thursday in a provincial byelection that appears to have become bigger than the sum of its votes.

Polls and political observers suggest Calgary-Foothills is a three-way race among the governing NDP, the Opposition Wildrose and the Progressive Conservatives, who have held the seat since 1971, but gave it up when former premier Jim Prentice quit politics on election night last spring when the New Democrats swept the PCs from power.

"I guess it's not surprising that it's become hotly contested," said Calgary-based pollster Janet Brown.

"The NDP does really want to win this because they want to prove their honeymoon isn't over. They want to prove winning the general election wasn't a fluke.

"And of course the Wildrose party wants to prove it can win an urban riding."

Premier Rachel Notley's NDP has a comfortable 53-seat majority in the 87-seat legislature. She has stressed that Thursday's outcome is not a "litmus test" for her government.

Nevertheless, she has paid multiple visits to the constituency during the month-long campaign to show support for her candidate, former Calgary city councillor and NDP member of the legislature Bob Hawkesworth.

"(The campaign) has been to remind people that priorities this government has focused on around health care and education are promises that have been kept," said Hawkesworth in an interview.

Notley's government recently committed $1.4 billion to reverse planned Tory cuts to health care and to fund higher student enrolment this fall.

But the campaign is set against a background of oilpatch layoffs, recent tax increases to wealthy Albertans and corporations, and a looming $6-billion budget deficit.

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> **The NDP ... want to prove their honeymoon isn't over.**
> Janet Brown, pollster

IN BRIEF

Man, 35, charged after storage locker robberies

Calgary police have charged a man they suspect is behind a number of apartment storage locker break and enters.

On Aug. 8, a man broke into a building in the 1100 block of 8 Avenue SW.

Police reviewed CCTV footage and were able to determine a "person of interest."

Police matched the suspect to four other incidents.

On Aug. 26 the District 1 Analyst and Operations team caught a man approaching another building.

When police approached he pulled out a knife.

An armed standoff followed, but Calgary police were able to de-escalate the situation.

Jesse Lawrence Dubruiel, 35, faces several charges.

METRO

Byelection advance polls draw strong turnout

Alberta's chief electoral officer says there was strong turnout at advance polls for Thursday's Calgary byelection.

Glen Resler says 4,146 voters — or about 12 per cent of the electorate — cast ballots over four days last week in Calgary-Foothills.

That's 84 more advance ballots than were cast in the May 5 provincial election and almost 1,200 more than in a byelection last fall won by then-premier Jim Prentice.

The seat most recently became vacant when Prentice resigned the night his Progressive Conservatives were defeated by Rachel Notley's New Democrats.

There are seven candidates running in the byelection.

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Reflecting on 25 years of Pride in Calgary

CELEBRATION

The movement that opened a 'can of worms' for the LGBTQ community

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Twenty-five years ago members of Calgary's LGBT community wore Lone Ranger masks to hide their identity at the city's first gay and lesbian pride rally.

During this time, Nancy Miller, one of the rally's organizers, had already been evicted from an apartment because the landlord found out she was a lesbian living with her partner.

Miller, who is part of a Friday panel discussing the history of Pride in Calgary, had also left the army for fear she would have been kicked out anyway if they found out about her sexual orientation.

"At the time, you had no job protection. If your boss found out, they could fire you without cause," she explained. "It was particularly difficult for people like school teachers or social workers, because they couldn't be 'out' or they wouldn't be allowed to work. It was a very different world than the one we live in today. There wasn't Ellen or Will and Grace. There weren't people for us to look to as role models."

JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Miller helped organize the rally to help LBGTQ people get protection under the Canadian Human Rights Act.

"I have to admit there were lots of people within our own LGBTQ community who were not happy with us," she said. "They didn't want us to be drawing attention to the community. They had found ways to survive without rocking the boat too much and they were comfortable and felt safe there. They were afraid we were going to open a whole can of worms. Which of course we did."

Kevin Allen, who runs the Calgary Gay History Project online, said it was a time when AIDs had entered the public consciousness and could not be ignored.

"People were literally dying, and the made people a lot more political, a lot more angry and wanting to see change," he said.

An estimated 200 to 300 people attended that first rally.

Fast-forward to this upcoming weekend, when 60,000 people are expected to join in the Calgary Pride Festival. LGBTQ people have their rights protected in Canada and are allowed to get married.

Miller said they have come a long way since that first rally in 1990, but said she hasn't lost sight of the fact that people in small-town Alberta are still afraid to come out, and people around the world are still imprisoned for their sexual orientation.

WHERE, WHEN

Allen will be hosting the panel with Miller and two other organizers of the 1990 rally on Friday at the Hyatt Regency downtown to discuss pride history in Calgary. It begins at 5 p.m.

Nancy Miller helped organize the city's first Pride rally in 1990. As part of the "Lone Ranger" troupe, she and her companions sold buttons for $2 as many people were afraid writing a cheque would out them. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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A career full of odd inspiration

CULTURE

Four decades of artist's work celebrated

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Ron Moppett always thought he'd be a cartoonist for Walt Disney. But once he realized he could paint, he knew fine art was the way to go.

Moppett — a veteran painter in Calgary's arts community — recently had his work installed at TrépanierBaer Gallery, stretching from the '70s to 2015.

He said his work has progressed over the years, but still has no idea where his ideas come from.

"Next year, I might be doing paintings about marmalade — I don't know," he said. "You sort of go with the flow."

The flow, he said, generally comes from stacks comprised of magazine clippings, his other drawings and various snippets.

Moppett said his newest pieces are themed around "nocturnes" and constellations.

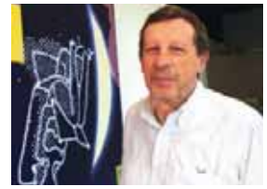
As it so happens, he said his new paintings were inspired by a cartoon drawing of a woman he found on top of his stack.

"I don't know why I kept the image in the first place," he said, adding he flipped the drawing upside down and coupled it with moon- and star-like depictions.

"I'm making you make a story out of it," he said. "I'm not making it easy for you, but I'm not trying to make you decode something that's absolute."

"This is probably the best work he's made," added Yves Trepanier, also co-owner of the gallery. "You get a sense of how he's really evolved."

The exhibition's opening night will be on Sept. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at 999 8 Street SW.



Ron Moppett says his "nocturne" paintings tell stories for the individual.
JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

TRANSIT

Edmonton-area riders to get smart

Transit users in the Edmonton-area could be tapping their way across the capital region by 2018 and leaving their change in their piggy banks, now that the province has agreed to fund a region-wide smart fare system.

The province announced $28 million in funding for the proposed system that would allow users to pay with cards instead of cash on buses and LRT lines in Edmonton, St. Albert and Strathcona County.

"It's important that we invest in forward-looking transportation solutions," said Transportation minister Brian Mason announcing the funding in St. Albert Wednesday.

Edmonton Coun. Ben Henderson is relieved the plan is moving ahead. "We've been pushing for it for an awfully long time," he said. "I think smart fares will be much more convenient for the public and easier for us."

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The Suburban Moms rock out at the Ship and Anchor Pub. From left: Julia Borden, Isobelle Davidson, Ocean Cornthwaite and Maya Roddick. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

Rock camp girls capture No. 1 spot

ARTS

CJSW director says bands have buzz

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Sisters Sophie and Maya Roddick haven't heard their No. 1 singles on CJSW yet, but are excited to know radio listeners are enjoying some Lime Flavoured Disappointment.

When the girls spent time at Girl's Rock Camp Calgary over the summer months, they collaborated with Josh Gwilliam at OCL Studios to craft their songs. Now, the Girls Rock Camp Calgary 2015 compilation is at the top of independent station CJSW's weekly Top 50 music chart.

The rockers couldn't contain their excitement about making the top spot when speaking to Metro on Tuesday.

"I was very surprised and also excited," said Maya, who's the lead singer and drummer for Suburban Moms.

Various Interest's lead singer Sophie shared her elation. "I think we really put our heart into it."

Although they knew they created great tunes, nobody thought all rock camp bands would actually reach No. 1, said the rock camp founder Nicola Lefevre.

"It was a huge deal," she said. "They blew my mind. All of them did."

Up against 800 different playlist albums in Calgary, CJSW Program Director Geneviève Dale said the rock groups — Suburban Moms, Various Interest, and Pie! — reached the top spot due to their high number of plays and requests.

"People really responded to them," Dale said. "There's bit of a buzz out there."

The writer behind Lime Flavoured Disappointment, Emily Firmston — who's also the keyboard player in Various Interest — said she wrote the track at writing camp earlier this summer after she saw someone pop a lime flavoured candy into their mouth without knowing it was that flavour.

She said the boy, who wasn't a fan of the candy, said, "This is a lime-flavoured disappointment."

After she showed her bandmates the lyrics, Firmston said they loved them and began to record.

"We thought it was really good, like we had to do it," Sophie said. "The song came together really nicely — just how we layered it."

The positive reviews have inspired Maya and Sophie, who has now joined Suburban Moms, to keep playing, even though rock camp has finished.

Firmston said she'll also continue to write more music.

"I'm not interested in playing in a band," she said. "But if anyone needs lyrics, I wouldn't be opposed to it."

The Suburban Moms have already booked their next gig and, although the bandmates are busy with school, Maya said they'll make it work.

"We've made some good connections," she said. "Hopefully we'll continue Suburban Moms, or we'll start another band."

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The creator of Cultura, Nicole Edmond, hopes her Twitter handle connects artists to Calgarians. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Tweeting the growth of a city's culture

SOCIAL MEDIA

Cultura aims to aid local artists, put fascinating work on display

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Calgary's more than just oil and gas, says artist Nicole Edmond, and she's hoping local artists will step up and tweet all about it.

Edmond started @Cultura, a Twitter account to showcase Calgary's burgeoning arts scene, after she found inspiration via similar science and farm accounts on the social media site.

As it turns out, Edmond said she's also quite the science buff — she intertwines her work with micro-biology.

"It's fascinating that there is so much in this world you don't see," Edmond said.

> **This way, you can enjoy art without having to go to an art gallery.**
> Artist and Cultura twitter account handler Nicole Edmond

If you go through Cultura's tweet history, you'll find images of Edmond's hand-crafted books, which contain drawings derived from pond samples she took.

"(The book is) a different way for people to open up to the world of microbiology," she said. "There's this grotesque beauty out there that is so fascinating."

Edmond later handed control of the account over to Graeme Dearden, who's sharing how jazz music influences his work.

"It's great because people get to see where I'm coming from," he said, adding Calgary's art community tends to be somewhat isolated from the rest of the city.

Edmond said she hopes to close that gap.

"I think it's a great opportunity for artists who aren't as well known in the community to promote themselves," she said. "And for people who are more well known, it's a space for them to show what they did to get to where they are today."

Plus, she said she hopes Cultura breaks down the intimidating elements associated with art galleries you'd visit in person.

"This way, you can enjoy art without having to go to an art gallery."

To tweet for Cultura, submit an artist statement to culturacalgary.wordpress.com.

FEDERAL LAW

First Nation seeks UN help in financial case

A First Nation challenging a federal law that requires Indian bands to make their finances public says it is seeking help from the United Nations.

The Onion Lake Cree Nation's case against the transparency legislation was heard in Saskatoon Federal Court last month, and a decision is pending.

The band contends the law violates treaty rights and that Ottawa has wrongfully cut non-essential funding to First Nations that have not complied.

Chief Okimaw Wallace Fox says he has written a letter to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Geneva.

The chief is appealing to the committee to express concern about the legislation and what he calls the heavy-handed approach the government has taken against indigenous peoples.

UN officials were not immediately available for comment. Last month, lawyers for the federal government were in court in Saskatoon to force five First Nations, including Onion Lake, to open their books to the public.

The other reserves in the case are the Sawridge and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nations in Alberta and the Thunderchild and Ochapowace bands in Saskatchewan.

The federal government has said the legislation makes financial information more accessible to band members and leads to more "effective, transparent and accountable governance, as well as stronger, more self-sufficient and prosperous communities."

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Political gender gap plays out

ELECTION 2015

Men typically back right-wing parties, while women veer left

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

With three federal parties neck and neck and neck, this is a historically close three-way election, and historic political fissures along gender lines could make a crucial difference.

Metro talked with several political experts about how gender politics are playing out in this election and all said there has long been a gender gap in Canadian politics where men, more than women, support parties on the right and women support those on the left, and that's been playing out in the polls so far.

Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, a professor of Canadian politics at Queen's University, said she's noticed politicians — especially Liberals and New Democrats — have been working especially hard in this election to win women's votes, and highlight women's issues.

That includes the NDP's pledge to end violence against women and their national child care plan, and the Liberals' focus on nominating female candidates, and pro-choice candidates.

"They're battling for the centre and the left, and this is where a greater proportion of women lie in terms of political orientation, compared to men," she said.

Chris Cochrane, a political science professor at the University of Toronto, said that battle for the centre left will likely determine the outcome of the election.

Justin Trudeau takes a photograph with a supporter Wednesday in Trois-Rivieres, Que.
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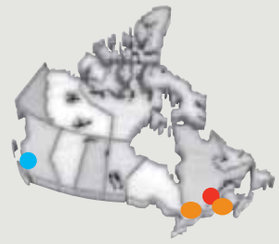
WHERE THE LEADERS ARE THURSDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Surrey, B.C.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Montreal and Brossard, Que.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Montreal and Toronto.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Quebec.

While the parties have near-equal support in the polls, the Conservative party is the second choice of "virtually no one," which leaves the party little opportunity for growth, he said.

"This is what's making it such an interesting election for everybody — we really don't know how these people are going to vote, because a lot of Liberal voters have the NDP in the back of their minds, and vice-versa for NDP voters. It could swing either way at the end of the election and quite easily unseat the Conservatives," Cochrane said.

In the 2011 election, the Conservatives won an estimated 35 per cent of women's votes, plus 45 per cent of men's. No party, with the exception of the NDP in some polls, is polling as strongly among female decided voters today, as the Conservatives' 2011 win.

But now that the incumbent party's support is low, its large gender gap is a bigger problem, and appears to be worsening, said Nelson Wiseman, director of the U of T's Canadian Studies program.

"If the Conservatives lose, in a large measure, it will be because they lost a lot of the women's vote since last time."

When tweets defeat candidates

Metro sits down with former Calgary-Nose Hill Liberal contender Ala Buzreba — who resigned after posts she made in her mid-teens came to light — to talk trolls, double standards and being a youth in politics

Omar Mouallem
For Metro

By now there are simply too many campaigns to name that have been ended by the Ghost of Social Media Past. But it's hard to think of a Canadian politician who's endured a public shaming as cruel as Ala Buzreba's.

The Liberal Party candidate in Calgary-Nose Hill recently resigned after inappropriate tweets she wrote in her mid-teens were unearthed and used like digital pitchforks to chase her out of the race. Many within the social media mob fixated on her gender, Arab ethnicity and Muslim faith. "Such a cute little terrorist," goes a typical comment.

Compare this to William Moughrabi, a Montreal Conservative candidate, who is also Arab. He didn't endure any bigoted backlash following revelations of inappropriate Facebook comments he'd made at nearly twice the age Buzreba was when she made hers.

Numerous studies, some as old as Facebook itself, have shown that women and feminine usernames incur anywhere from two to 25 times more trolling, threatening or sexual harassment than their male or masculine counterparts. The 20-year-old community volunteer, University of Calgary student and Alberta Young Liberals executive says she's dealt with trolls since her social justice passions drove her to online forums and Twitter in junior high.

Last June, shortly after announcing her candidacy, Buzreba learned that a blogger had Photoshopped and spread pornographic images of her being penetrated by Justin Trudeau. Sun Media columnist Tarek Fatah also equated her hijab with ISIS support. What followed with the scandal was merely a crescendo of the racism and sexism she suffered.

Buzreba spoke with Metro about the backlash, double standards and how shamings like hers could discourage youth from entering politics.

After Ala Buzreba announced her candidacy last June, a blogger Photoshopped pornographic images of her and spread them online. CONTRIBUTED

Metro: How has the scandal affected you?

Buzreba: The backlash is continuing to this day. People are mean to me and it's affecting my personal life. I've been kicked out of different organizations and clubs that I was a part of. I've had ex-supervisors disassociate with me.

When was the first time you were trolled online?

I was really interested in debate since the time I was 13 or 14. I would go online, read the news, look at what people are saying. I was in the "comments" section a lot, fighting back to people who were constantly belittling people like me — Muslim women. But I debate in a nice way; I don't look for fights.

> **People called me "Muslim trash" .... My hijab was always the focus. People are terrified of it.**
> Ala Buzreba

Tweets like "Your mother should have used a coat hanger" don't sound nice. What were you responding to?

"The only good Muslim is a dead Muslim," was one. At some point, you just throw it back at them. They don't like their own medicine. People called me "Muslim trash," "freeloader of the Liberal government." My hijab was always the focus. People are terrified of it.

It was only a year ago you told Jewish-Canadian pundit Ezra Levant to "Pack up and leave to Israel." Why'd you tweet that?

He had said something on the radio like, "Remember, this is Canada, not Gaza." I couldn't believe radio stations would (broadcast) his racist ad. Then I tweeted back. I knew about Ezra, because he'd attacked two people I went to school with, so stupid me for saying anything.

Do you admit your comment was at least equally racist?

Not equally. It was rude. It wasn't nice. But I didn't tell him to "go back to Israel." I told him to go there. I didn't even know where he's from.

Before the scandal, pornographic pictures of you were Photoshopped and spread online by a blogger. How'd you respond?

He wasn't the only one. There was a lot a of Photoshopped stuff. I was embarrassed to even tell anybody because I didn't want them to see the photos. We reported it to Facebook and Facebook said it's freedom of expression.

Did you ever grow numb to it?

No. It hurts every time. But the blows loosen the more you get it. If anything all the rude comments I got when I was younger helped me grow and develop some tough skin.

Do you think you can return to politics?

Yes. I have more to see and more to learn. I want to change how Canadian politics operates and I want more women and young people voting. It was exciting to have so many of my friends come out to volunteer politically for their first times.

Can parties expect candidates with clean online records?

If they held the standard of being perfect online, they'll have fewer and fewer candidates every year. The person you were on social media doesn't necessarily mean the person you're becoming or the person you are now. I go through my posts at age 13, and I think why did I post that — it was so lame. People change all the time.

What's your message to young potential candidates?

Be careful for what can be taken out of context. Be careful of people who just want a reaction out of you.

Interview has been edited for length.

Ghosts of social media past

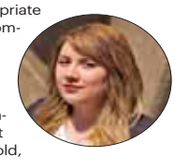
1 Malcolm Azania, NDP, 2004

In the days of MySpace, the Edmonton candidate wrote that Jews were part of the "white supremacy" in an emailed debate unearthed a decade later. Azania presciently told CBC, "The Internet is the most efficient technology in the universe to make a jackass out of yourself."

2 Ray Lam, BC NDP, 2009

The young candidate resigned after photos on Facebook became public, including one where he was palming a woman's breast and another with his pants down. That he was gay or that it was Pride didn't matter to his opponents.

3 Deborah Drever, Alberta NDP, 2015



One inappropriate Facebook comment wasn't enough for the newly elected Alberta government to boot the 26-year-old, but a trail of media gaffes, including one in which she posed as a gang-rape victim for an album cover, definitely was.

4 William Moughrabi, Conservatives, 2015

After year-old Facebook comments like "Karma takes too long. I'd rather beat the s--t out of you now" surfaced, the Montreal candidate quickly apologized and closed his online accounts.

Homeless in Vancouver — even with $1.3 million for a house

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Kate Whyte found out the hard way that even a million bucks can't always buy a decent home in Metro Vancouver's insane real estate market, where home sales soared to nearly 30 per cent above the 10-year average this summer, according to Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver data released Wednesday.

Whyte, a 48-year-old homemaker who works part time in the film industry, and her husband were looking to downsize to a smaller house in their North Vancouver community after two of their three children left for university.

They sold their five-bedroom house in May for $1.3 million, figuring they'd have no problem finding a smaller place in the area. But then the market "went absolutely crazy," Whyte said Wednesday.

Every house they looked at suddenly jumped in price, with million-dollar homes needing extensive renovations to the tune of a few hundred thousand dollars.

"We priced ourselves right out of our neighbourhood," Whyte said.

As a supporter of the #DontHave1Million campaign, made up of young professionals pressuring the government to tackle the housing affordability problem in a city where the average house price is over a million bucks, she even made a tongue-in-cheek sign reading, "Homeless, have $1 million dollars, can't find a home to buy."

"I don't want anyone to feel sorry for me. What I want people to understand is the ridiculousness of this."

She doesn't know how families are supposed to get ahead when they're competing with foreign investors and Baby Boomers with cash in hand.

With their move out date approaching on Saturday, her family wound up buying a house in August for just over $1 million.

It's much smaller, is leaking and needs extensive renos, she said.

"Nobody wanted it because it's a real eyesore," she said. "When I tell people what I have to fix, their jaws drop."

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Terror plotter disrupts court

TORONTO

Tunisian flies into a rage over testimony of mental illness

A man convicted of terrorism in a plot to derail a passenger train spat at lawyers and hurled a cup of water across a Toronto courtroom Wednesday after a psychiatrist testified that the man likely suffers from schizophrenia.

Chiheb Esseghaier vehemently expressed his disagreement with the diagnosis of Dr. Philip Klassen, thumping his chest and waving his hands in the air as he said the psychiatrist was being untruthful.

"You are lying," Esseghaier told Klassen. "Which delusion, which schizophrenia and which mental illness?"

Klassen told the court Esseghaier suffers from a mental disorder, but — unlike the first expert who examined the man — said the Tunisian national was still fit to be sentenced for his crimes.

Esseghaier and his co-accused, Raed Jaser, were found guilty in March of a terror-related conspiracy to commit murder and six other terror-related charges between them. Their sentencing hearing is currently under way.

> **You are lying ... Which delusion, which schizophrenia and which mental illness?**
> Chiheb Esseghaier

During their last court session in July, the Toronto judge presiding over the case ordered a second mental health assessment for Esseghaier after concluding that an earlier one had "serious flaws."

In that first assessment, Dr. Lisa Ramshaw said she believed Esseghaier was unable to participate in his sentencing hearing because he is likely schizophrenic.

Klassen testified that while his diagnosis was similar to Ramshaw's in many respects, he still believed Esseghaier was legally fit to be sentenced.

An artist's sketch shows Chiheb Esseghaier, left, and Raed Jaser in Justice Michael Code's courtroom in Toronto in March. ALEXANDRA NEWBOULD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I would agree with Dr. Ramshaw that this gentleman suffers from a mental illness, in my opinion the best fit diagnostically would be schizophrenia," Klassen told the court. "I am not persuaded that he is not fit."

Klassen said that Esseghaier was aware of the nature of his court proceedings, understood their consequences and was able to communicate with the court in his trial.

Klassen repeatedly noted, however, that his assessment had to be conducted without interviewing Esseghaier because the man refused to meet with him. Klassen based his assessment on court documents, interview transcripts and Esseghaier's previous mental health assessment.

Esseghaier has said in court before that he believes he will die and his soul would be taken up to heaven on Dec. 25, 2014. Because that has not yet happened, he said he doesn't believe it is currently September 2015.

Justice Michael Code has previously said there was not "a scintilla of evidence" from the pretrial and trial record to suggest Esseghaier was unfit to stand trial.

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WINNIPEG

Judge yet to decide if accused letter bomber can get bail

A Winnipeg man accused of sending a letter bomb that caused a lawyer to lose her hand will find out later this week if he will get bail.

Guido Amsel was back in front of a Winnipeg judge Wednesday for the second part of his bail hearing. Judge Heather Pullan will deliver her decision on Friday.

Amsel, who is 49, faces more than a dozen charges, including three counts of attempted murder, after three explosive devices were sent to three different Winnipeg businesses.

Family lawyer Maria Mitousis opened a device at the law office of Petersen King on July 3 and was seriously injured.

The lawyer, who had worked for Amsel's ex-wife in a civil matter, lost her right hand and has extensive injuries to her left hand and upper body.

Crown prosecutor Chris Vanderhoof is opposing Amsel's release. Amsel has been in custody for more than 60 days, with about a week of that spent in isolation in Headingley jail.

Defence lawyer Martin Glazer has said Amsel is anxious to get home and back to work.

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Tensions rising in Europe

HUNGARY

Migrants face pushback as right-wing protests flare

Migrants gather outside the closed Eastern Railway Station in Budapest, Hungary, Wednesday, after they were not allowed to board trains bound for Germany. ZOLTAN MATHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds of frustrated migrants demanding passage to Germany jostled with riot police beside Budapest's main international train station Wednesday as Hungary spent a second day trying to keep thousands of asylum seekers from spilling deeper into Europe.

Scores of officers pushed back the crowd, which shouted in Arabic and English to be permitted to march around the Keleti train station, which has become the latest focal point for European tensions over an unrelenting flow of migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Passions also flared on Hungary's border with Serbia as right-wing nationalist protesters marched to the location where migrants use a train track to walk into the country. Police formed protective circles around frightened migrants as the demonstrators from the hard-line Jobbik party screamed abuse at them.

The 28-nation European Union has been at odds for months on how to deal with the influx of more than 332,000 migrants this year. Such frontline nations as Greece, Italy and Hungary have pleaded for more help, while Germany, which is expecting to receive an EU-leading 800,000 asylum seekers this year, has appealed for EU partners to bear more of the load.

"We have to reinstate law and order at the borders of the European Union, including the border with Serbia," Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs said. "Without re-establishing law and order, it will be impossible to handle the influx of migrants."

He said Hungary's prime minister, Viktor Orbán, will take a "clear and obvious message" to a meeting Thursday with EU chiefs in Brussels about migrants.

On Hungary's border with Serbia, some 300 extremists led by Jobbik party leaders waved Hungarian and party flags as they marched to the border crossing and shouted at the frightened migrants — many of whom had just completed a daylong hike along the rail line — to go back where they came from.

Elsewhere on the migrants' long route into Europe, 13 people died when two small boats ferrying them from Turkey to the Greek island of Kos capsized. Turkish media said 12 drowned, including a woman and three children, while another person died later in a hospital.

The Greek coast guard also recovered the body of a man south of the island of Kalolimnos. It wasn't clear whether that body was connected to the capsized Turkish boats about 22 kilometres (14 miles) to the northeast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCIENCE

Earth has 3 trillion trees: Study

More than three trillion trees now grow on Earth, seven times more than scientists previously thought. But it's also trillions fewer than there used to be, a new study concludes.

A United Nations-affiliated youth group had a goal of planting one billion trees and Yale forestry researcher Thomas Crowther was asked if planting that many trees would do anything to help combat human-made climate change. Trees capture and store heat-trapping carbon dioxide.

Crowther said first he had to figure out how many trees are on Earth and that number was far more than anyone expected: 3.04 trillion trees, according to a study published Wednesday in the journal Nature.

The previous estimate was 400 billion trees and that rough count was based on satellite images peering down from space. Crowther and colleagues used 429,775 ground-based measurements along with satellite measurements and computer models to get a more accurate figure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THAILAND

Suspect denies link to bombing

Thai police said Wednesday a prime suspect in Bangkok's deadly bombing has admitted to being near the shrine where the attack took place, but denied placing the bomb.

Thai authorities said the suspect's fingerprints also matched those on a bottle of bomb-making material found in an apartment that was raided this past weekend.

Deputy National Police Chief Chakthip Chaijinda was asked by reporters if the man had confessed to involvement in the Aug. 17 blast at Erawan Shrine that killed 20 people and injured more than 120, or another explosion the following day near a busy river pier that caused no casualties.

"It is in the nature of the suspect to deny it, but he admits that he was there in the area when it happened," Chakthip said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHINA

Citizens shut out huge parade

China will hold a massive military parade through the heart of its capital, but ordinary folks can't watch.

Authorities obsessed with security and leery of any possible hitches will virtually shut down central Beijing on Thursday, keeping most people out of eyeshot for the parade commemorating the defeat of Japan in the Second World War. Residents who live along the parade route have received notices ordering them to stay off balconies, keep windows shut, invite no guests and — at some buildings — snap no pictures.

The neighbourhoods around Tiananmen Square, the main venue where President Xi Jinping will inspect the troops with foreign dignitaries, will be under curfew, and Beijing has mobilized 850,000 neighbourhood watchers to report anything out of the ordinary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bombings kill 20 at Yemen mosque

CIVIL WAR

Car explosive detonates as wounded are carried outside

An Islamic State-claimed suicide bomber and a subsequent car bombing killed at least 20 people Wednesday at a mosque in Yemen's rebel-held capital, Sanaa, amid the country's raging civil war, officials said.

The suicide bomber blew himself up inside the mosque during the evening call to prayers, while the car bomb exploded outside an entrance, they said.

Medical officials said the death toll may rise with people now in operating rooms in several hospitals.

Witnesses said the car bomb exploded while people were carrying out the wounded from inside the mosque, adding to the casualties.

One witness, Hamid Ali, said the explosions left body parts and bloodied floors in the mosque frequented by both Sunni and Shiite Muslims.

In a message circulated on social media, Yemen's local Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) affiliate claimed the bombing, saying the assault was revenge against the Shiite rebels known as Houthis that hold Sanaa.

The ISIL affiliate in Yemen has carried out similar attacks targeting mosques, including a series of suicide bombings on March 20 in Sanaa that killed 137 people and wounding 345.

Yemen has been mired in violence since the Houthis captured Sanaa last September.

The Houthis are fighting alongside army units loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against forces loyal to exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi as well as southern separatists and local militias.

A Saudi-led and U.S.-backed coalition has been launching airstrikes against the rebels since March.

The conflict has killed more than 2,100 civilians, according to the United Nations.

Earlier Wednesday, gunmen shot dead two Yemenis working for the International Committee of the Red Cross on Wednesday as they were travelling from the northern Saada province to the capital, Sanaa.

Last month, pro-government forces backed by Saudi-led airstrikes drove the rebels out of Yemen's southern port city of Aden after heavy fighting.

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A boy rides by a house damaged by a Saudi airstrike Monday in Sanaa, Yemen. HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAQ

18 Turkish workers abducted

Masked men in military uniforms kidnapped 18 Turkish employees of an Ankara-based construction company in Baghdad early Wednesday, bundling them into several SUVs and speeding away, Iraqi and Turkish officials said.

The 18 are employed by Nurol Insaat, a Turkish construction company contracted to build a sports complex in the sprawling Shiite district of Sadr City.

The kidnappers stormed the construction site, where the workers were sleeping in caravans. The Iraqi officials said an Iraqi national was kidnapped along with the Turks.

Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesman Tanju Bilgic said those kidnapped included 14 workers, three engineers and one accountant.

Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus confirmed the kidnappings and said Ankara was in close contact with authorities in Iraq. "The Iraqi authorities for the time being do not have information on how the incident occurred or who captured them," he told reporters.

The style and scale of Wednesday's kidnapping harkened back to the sectarian violence in Baghdad in 2006 and 2007, when Sunni and Shiite militants kidnapped followers of the other sect.

In most cases, the bodies of those kidnapped were found a day or two later with marks of torture and a bullet wound to the head. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MCDONALD'S

Canada missing out on all-day breakfast

McDonald's Canada has bad news for those looking to get their Egg McMuffin fix past 11 a.m. Spokeswoman Lisa Hutniak said the company has no plans to offer an all-day breakfast, despite the brand's announcement that its American restaurants will introduce the option Oct. 6.

Hutniak said the company is keeping a close eye on the nationwide experiment by the Americans and is always looking to meet the needs and wants of its customers.

Twitter users were quick to decry the disparity.

"Y'all are monsters," tweeted @MsLolaOh. A user from Scarborough, @60mg-Maija, summarized their reaction in two words: "Thug tears."

Some even made it an election issue, calling on the leaders of all three main parties to address the disparity.

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Apple getting into news service market

Apple wants to be a central part of how you consume news.

The iPhone maker has forged partnerships with CNN, National Geographic and others — more than 50 companies so far, representing hundreds of outlets. Apple will launch a News service on iPhones and iPads as part of a free software update this month.

That means millions of devices will get the app on the home screen, with no separate download required.

Users get a customized feed of news. Tapping on an item delivers the story in a layout that resembles a print publication — without a lot of clutter found on many websites.

The service is free, but there will be ads.

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IN BRIEF

Laura to shut fewer stores

Laura's Shoppe, which filed for creditor protection last month, is planning to close 15 stores on Sept. 13 — five fewer stores than planned, as landlords at several malls have agreed to cut rents and suppliers have offered significant discounts.

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Young adults bleeding bank of mom and dad

SAVINGS

Data reveals rise in trend of lingering at family home

A new poll suggests adult children are draining their parents' retirement nest eggs.

The CIBC survey has found that two-thirds of Canadian parents polled say they're feeling the financial impact of supporting their adult children.

Almost half of them said supporting their adult kids is hampering their ability to save for themselves, while 20 per cent say it has actually delayed their retirement.

"Parents may have the will to help their adult kids but they may not always have the means," said Christina Kramer, executive vice-president of retail and business banking at CIBC.

The most recent data released by Statistics Canada in 2011 showed that 42.3 per cent of adults aged 20-29 lived at their parental home, "either because they never left it or because they returned home after living elsewhere."

In 2006, 42.5 per cent of young adults lived at home, a marked increase from previous decades (32.1 per cent in 1991 and 26.9 per cent in 1981).

Monica Boyd, a sociology professor at the University of Toronto who researches the reasons young adults live with their parents, said the rising rate is linked to several factors, including school attendance, postponement of marriage ages and family structures.

"Living at home is highly associated with going to school, and unlike the United States, a lot of young adults who are attending schools don't go very far away. They go to school in the area in which they grow up," she said.

An emphasis on family and the prevalence of intergenerational homes among first-generation immigrants means that they have a higher proportion of children living at home, Boyd said.

This includes families from China, India, Southeast Asia and countries in the Mediterranean region, like Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece.

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Hannah Frazer returned to the nest after graduating to live with her parents, Mary Lou and Donald, in order to save money. COURTESY HANNAH FRAZER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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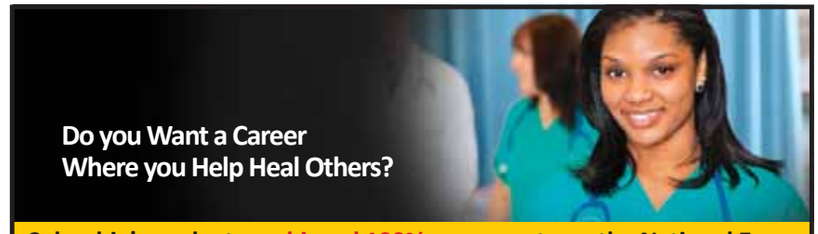

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE NDP'S BIG DREAMS

"Thomas Mulcair has been making some hefty promises ... he has yet to demonstrate how a New Democrat government would walk its election talk.

From a national childcare program to balanced budgets, the abolition of the Senate and the repeal of the Clarity Act, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair has been making some hefty promises on the way to a leading position in voting intentions.

But five weeks into the campaign, he has yet to demonstrate how a New Democrat government would walk its election talk on any of the above.

A national childcare program: The NDP is promising to create one million new childcare spaces over two mandates. The result would be a comprehensive $15-a-day program along the lines of the Quebec system.

But it will not get off the ground unless the provinces agree to pay 40 per cent of the tab. For its part, Ontario has signalled that it would want the money it already spends on childcare to be considered part of its share of the bill.

Quebec, whose government has been trying to rein in its childcare costs, would similarly expect to be compensated for its efforts to date.

Looking at the lay of the land in Canada's biggest provinces, getting to one million new spaces could either take more than eight years or call for significantly more federal dollars.

A balanced budget: When the Liberals, under Paul Martin, belatedly turned their minds to a national childcare initiative in 2004, the federal government was awash in money. Instead of overflowing coffers, an incoming NDP government would find bare cupboards.

The federal fiscal outlook has deteriorated along with Canada's economy. Over their decade in power, the Conservatives have put billions of dollars of recurring tax cuts on the books and, in the process, curtailed the federal capacity to invest in new national programs.

The NDP is planning to maintain most of those cuts — notably a 2-point decrease in the GST; income-splitting for seniors and the recently enhanced child benefit, as well as spend more on a variety of social programs.

The New Democrats will publish a fully costed platform before Sept. 17 — the day of the Globe and Mail-sponsored leaders debate on the economy. Expect skeptics to go through it with a fine-tooth comb.

The abolition of the Senate: Quebec and Ontario — among other provinces — oppose this signature NDP promise. Moreover, Quebec will insist on having its longstanding constitutional demands addressed before it entertains any other reforms.

Some New Democrats have mused about holding a national referendum to force the provinces' hand on the issue. Good luck with that! Unless a majority votes yes to abolition in every province, the result will lead only to the entrenchment of the opposition of some premiers.

Even if one were to assume that the arrival in power of the NDP would magically be followed by provincial agreement to both clear the Quebec's constitutional slate and unanimously abolish the upper house, the amendments would still have to be voted in every legislature over a three-year period.

With zero representation in the Senate, how would an NDP government manage its legislative agenda over those years?

And then there is the promise — popular in Quebec but controversial in the rest of Canada — to repeal the Clarity Act and change the rules that would guide the federal government in the event of another referendum on Quebec's future. An NDP government would negotiate the province's secession on the basis of a simple pro-independence majority.

In the absence of Liberal or Conservative support, the New Democrats would have to lead a majority government to effect that change. But majority or not, expect that proposal to be dead on arrival in a non-NDP Senate.

Mulcair is not the first federal leader to vouch to pull policy rabbits out of a prime ministerial hat.

With zero representation in the Senate, how would an NDP government manage its legislative agenda?

In 1993, Jean Chrétien promised to make the GST disappear, to finance a national childcare program out of thin fiscal air, and to re-negotiate NAFTA, the free-trade agreement between the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

As in the case of the NDP, today there were plenty of unanswered questions as to how a Liberal government would square the circle of its promises. That did not prevent Chrétien from winning a majority victory and from jettisoning his cumbersome commitments at the first politically astute opportunity.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: A new fashion blooming

A strange craze that germinated in Chengdu, in southwestern China, is spreading like a weed all over the country and beyond. Men, women and children are wearing the "bean sprout hairpin," a hair clip that makes them look like they have a plant growing out of their heads. The barrettes, which come in daisy and rose varieties and cost about a dollar, are a sensation on social media, and it may only be a matter of time before they sprout up on streets on this side of the pond.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

One-year abortion-forgiveness offer? I'll wait for real change

The Pope has called for "a widening of the church's mercy" when it comes to women who've had abortions.

That should sound like good news to a Trudeau-esque pro-choice Catholic like me.

But instead it adds another level of confusion to what is already an incredibly nuanced church teaching.

I don't doubt Francis' sympathy for women facing the "agonizing and painful decision" to have an abortion. The move might even help some women, because it directs all priests to forgive what is an excommunicable offence.

But the offer only applies during the Holy Year of Mercy, beginning in December. It's not clear what happens to women who miss that window.

"Pope Francis likes to have this merciful tone," Kate McGee told me. "Well, I think it's totally backfired, because now all sorts of people are going, 'What? What are you talking about?' One of my conservative friends was saying, 'Why is the Pope saying this? We already offer up absolution for any sin.'"

McGee is a young psychotherapist with the Jesuit college at the University of Toronto — a self-described feminist Catholic.

Church law already varies; depending on whether you knew abortion was excommunicable, whether you were forced, if you were under 16.

Priests in North America have already agreed to ceremonially absolve women who ask for forgiveness after an abortion. What's new is that Francis is widening that power to other parts of the world, where that power lies with the bishop.

The announcement is about tone, not substance, McGee noted. Abortion remains a grave sin in the church's eyes.

"I've never understood why abortion would be excommunicable, but not murder," McGee added. "If you're going to equate them ..."

I cut her off, blurting out, "I didn't realize that!" and thinking: That sounds ridiculous.

The Pope could correct the inconsistency and change law, though "there's no evidence he's going to," McGee said.

This is more like a limited-time Year of Mercy sale.

McGee has been told it's good the church changes slowly. That way, it can bring with it the great swath of cultures woven into it.

I've never been very patient.

Instead of muddying the waters of an already polarizing issue, I wish the Pope would keep focused on the kinds of root causes that could greatly diminish the demand for abortions, especially poverty, and more ironically for a patriarchal organization, sexism.

I'm sure some women will accept the offer of mercy, but I'm holding out for change.

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Minor anxiety over major book

PATRICK DEWITT

Man behind The Sisters Brothers felt vulnerable with this followup

BOOKWORM

Sue Carter

There was a six-month phase during the three years that it took Patrick deWitt to write his new novel, Undermajordomo Minor, when he faced daily anxieties over the followup to his award-sweeping black Western comedy, The Sisters Brothers. "It was really crippling," he says.

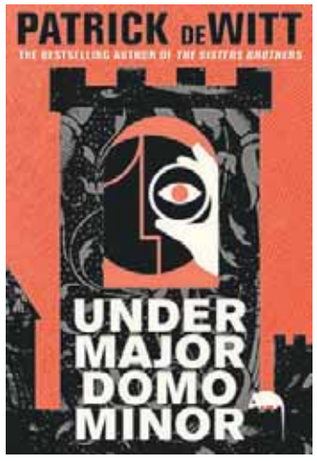
The worries returned later as advance copies of the book, published by House of Anansi Press, began to circulate, and he awaited the first reviews.

"I was feeling very vulnerable at the time. You want the book to be judged on its own, but ultimately I realized I was powerless," he says.

In the end, the Canadian-born writer, who now resides in Portland, Ore., decided that what matters most is his own feelings about the work.

"Was this the best I could do at that time? I can't worry about the rest too much."

DeWitt's past worries are understandable. Not only was his 2011 novel a critic and prize-jury favourite, it inspired a rare fanaticism in



readers, and was optioned for film by actor John C. Reilly, who will co-star as one of the hitmen-for-hire siblings (the two also worked together on the film Terri, for which deWitt wrote the screenplay). Fans of The Sisters Brothers will rejoice at the return of deWitt's wry, funny dialogue and over-the-top, almost slapstick violence.

This time, the protagonist is a young, shiftless compulsive liar named Lucy Minor, who takes a position as a servant at the mysterious Castle Von Aux, owned by a baron whose raging bouts of insanity result in one of the most disgustingly visceral scenes involving a rat in recent memory. While Lucy encounters petty thieves, bloodthirsty soldiers with no apparent cause to fight for and a treacherous "Very Large Hole," the story is grounded in his pure love for Klara, a poor beauty from the village.

Prior to Undermajordomo Minor, deWitt was working on another manuscript, this time with a contemporary setting, which he abandoned out of boredom. Historical eras, he says, give him the freedom to "exercise baroque, ridiculous language. With an antique setting you can deal with anything difficult."

Unlike some historical authors (if you can technically call deWitt one), he doesn't get caught up in research or worrying about accuracy — Undermajor has no identifying time or geographic location.

"Authenticity and attention to detail hold very little interest for me," he says.

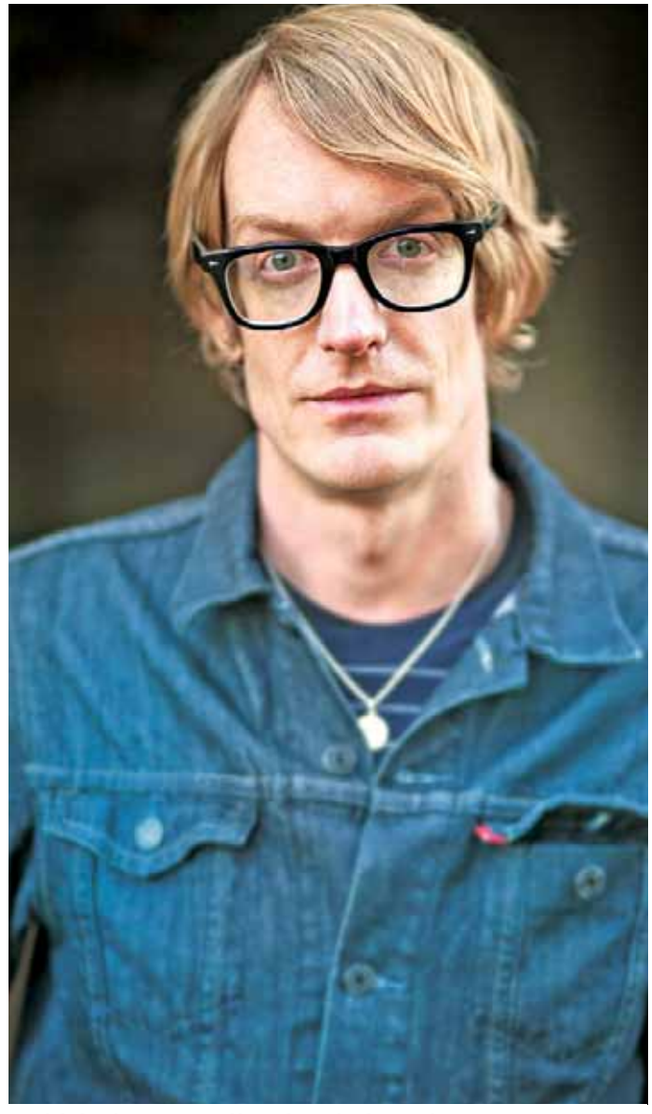
"It feels like homework, and I hated homework as a kid."

There is one bawdy scene in the novel that, without giving anything away, may test some readers and kill appetites for peach tarts and salami.

DeWitt, who is drawn to broad, slapstick humour like Monty Python or even Benny Hill, originally intended the scene to be a "lighthearted romp," countering an intimate love scene between Lucy and Klara, but admits not everyone might view it as such.

"It's never to revolt or shock the reader," he says.

"I like to write all sorts of different scenes: tender love scenes, scenic descriptions, comic dialogue. It's a pleasure and fun to write, and a way to keep it fresh."



Patrick deWitt's new novel is Undermajordomo Minor. DANNY PALMERLEE

Colbert fills the late-night slot

COMEDY

He can do the impossible, but can he do the possible?

Stephen Colbert is about to turn a corner in his career.

Having split from cheeky Comedy Central, he will now hold court at old-guard CBS. He will inherit the theatre, time slot and series title (though with an added The) owned for 22 years by David Letterman.

Little wonder that Colbert's disciples wait anxiously to see what The Late Show With Stephen Colbert will be like. How beholden will it be to late-night talk-show conventions stretching back six decades? Will it abandon Colbert's signature political edge?

If the early guest lineups offer any clue, he'll offer a rich blend of talk: Republican presidential hopeful Jeb Bush and Vice-President Joe Biden will appear the first week, along with entrepreneurs Elon Musk (SpaceX and Tesla Motors) and Travis Kalanick (Uber), plus a show-biz mix.

Colbert, 51, comes to The Late Show after establishing himself in the guise of a messianic blowhard who spoofed Bill O'Reilly with maybe a touch of Rush Limbaugh thrown in.

On The Colbert Report, he played the host as a jerk, but endearing "someone who wasn't *aware* that he was a jerk; a well-intentioned, poorly informed, high-status idiot. I wasn't sure that I could get all four of those rotations on the ball. But it worked out."

His was a game of three-dimensional chess, especially with the interviews, which became his favourite part of the show, but they were also exhausting.

"Talking with a guest, I had to run everything through the CPU up here" — he points to the computer in his noggin' — "to grind out a version of myself, instantly, while keeping my intention as a satirist evident inside the Trojan horse of my character's role as a pundit who trades on divisiveness." Whew.

> **I'm not tired when it's over. I feel great. That's the most startling thing to me.**
> Stephen Colbert, on interviewing as himself

Despite (or, more likely, because of) this Rube Goldbergian process, Colbert's interviews were not just funny, but as incisive as anyone's on TV. With his native observations shining through the prism of his on-screen persona, he emerged as a stealth truth-teller. On The Colbert Report he proved he could do the impossible. But now ...

"Can I do the POSSIBLE?!" he cuts in with a chortle.

He has no doubt that, yes, he can. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

George Clooney, Elon Musk and Kendrick Lamar are slated to appear on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. GETTY IMAGES

Falling for you

It's soon time to put away your shorts, tanks and summer dresses. This autumn, androgyny reigned on the runway, the '70s and '80s became the referential decades, and designers saluted military fashion. AFP

John Galliano

GENDER BENDER

Fluid fashion

Androgynous style has inundated runways this year with men sporting womenswear looks and women donning more masculine wardrobes.

Very much Cara Delevingne-inspired, the trend calls for three-piece suits for women and oversized, deconstructed outerwear. Men are shown layering pants and skirts, while traditional staples were given feminine flourishes such as bows, ruffles and cinched waists.

Vivienne Westwood had models sashay down the runway in brown tweed and grey pinstripe suits with broad, exaggerated shoulders. John Galliano and Julien David also showed unisex looks.

Topshop Unique

THROWBACK

Time travel

Hot on the trail of the '90s trend, the fall season takes us further back in time to the '70s and '80s.

The look is loud, showcasing key styles from both eras: turtlenecks (back in fashion since last year), flared pants, psychedelic prints, prominent florals, vinyl and lurex.

Loewe paid particular attention to the '80s this season, featuring large lapels, graphic prints and boldly paring metallics with patents. JW Anderson also got on the lamé bandwagon. Slouchy leather boots and belts with bright, geometric acrylic buckles completed the looks. Gucci and London by Topshop Unique showed bohemian looks.

Elie Saab

DETAILS

Military precision

Military-inspired pieces marched down the runway this season. Double-breasted overcoats and outerwear like parkas and trenches dominated.

This year, discretion is key and designers have focused on the minor details that evoke a military feel — such as uniform buttons and nautical stripes.

Camouflage is out, replaced by army greens and khakis. The result is much more feminine, sophisticated and accessible.

Elie Saab presented his version of an officer's jacket with a stand-up collar and Isabel Marant used uniform buttons to her full advantage.

FASHION NOTES

Beauty queen

Rihanna has suggested her next endeavour may be in cosmetics.

During an interview to promote her newest fragrance, RiRi, a Refinery 29 reporter asked about a trademark she registered last year for Fenty Beauty.

"It's something that I've always wanted to do," she told Refinery 29, "I'm going to find some time between albums and fragrance to do that."

The reporter went on to ask about some of the makeup items she might like to work on, to which Rihanna replied that there are "a lot," continuing, "Lashes that could just put themselves on ... lipstick that doesn't move, but doesn't dry your lips out, that you don't need a liner for. I mean, it sounds so unreal." AFP

The Row taking a New York minute

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen's fashion brand is moving from New York to Paris to show at the city's spring fashion week.

The Row is off the New York schedule and on Paris's, reports WWD. No details have been revealed and the reason for the move is also unknown.

The Row launched in 2006 and has shown up on the Paris schedule on one other occasion: In 2011, the show went from New York to the later Paris fashion week due to sample delays.

Paris ready-to-wear fashion week runs Sept. 29 to Oct. 7. AFP

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Get your nose up in Bill Murray's business

SCENT OF A MOVIE STAR

Scratch and sniff book reveals smells of actor's films

You've enjoyed his movies — now, wallow in the aromas of Bill Murray.

This delight is thanks to Cook Your Own Food — a Bill Murray Scratch and Sniff. It's a book that pays homage to the popular thespian, with 10 different smells inspired by his movies.

Simply scratch and get a noseful from Lost in Translation, Moonrise Kingdom, The Life Aquatic, or Groundhog Day.

Metro spoke to John Jarvis, the creator of the book (now available online from Sugoi Books) on the appeal of getting a whiff of Murray.

What inspired you to do this?

I am a huge lover of Bill Murray, first and foremost. He's an inspiration on screen: funny, sad, cerebral and thoughtful. He has such a deep personality which lends itself to be captured in art, and if you look online there is a lot of it. We wanted to get close to Bill, to get inside his films and have lots of fun doing it. What better fun than smelling his films? It's a super fun way of exploring Bill Murray, of seeing some of the best illustrators around the world pen some great art. Hopefully people will laugh with their friends — that's the point.

Scratch the book's scene of Bill Murray dining with Scarlett Johannson in Lost in Translation for a whiff of sushi. CONTRIBUTED

Do you think it will draw people closer to the actor, or push them away?

In the '70s, the idea of smelling in cinema was a giant thing. I suppose we thought it gave the posture a new dimension. Put us with the characters on the screen. I like the idea that we can take part in the books and art we buy, look at. I want everyone to take part and have fun. That experiential sense of play is taking off, lets do it!

How many pages are there?

There will actually be 10 smells, so 24 pages in total. Each image gets a double spread. So, they are much bigger and expansive to let you really explore. Each spread will have a pink pad, scratch that and you get absorbed with a sweet smell of Bill.

What are the main aromas?

We've tried to keep the smells in context to the film. When Bill eats an apple in The Life Aquatic, we have an apple smell. When Bill eats sushi with Scarlet Johansson in Lost in Translation, we have a fishy smell. Of course, when his character Carl Spackler finds a Baby Ruth candy bar in the pool in Caddyshack — uh oh.

What's been the reaction to the book?

People seem to really love the idea and some people seem to not understand. I like to think it's such a unique and individual idea, its not going to be for everyone. METRO NEW YORK

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GOSSIP IN BRIEF Deflategate still hasn't blown over; Kermit spotted with a redhead

Tom and Gisele on the rocks

It hasn't been a great summer for Tom Brady, and not just where his football career is concerned. The embattled quarterback has reportedly also been facing the ire of wife Gisele Bundchen, who recently consulted a divorce lawyer, according to Us Weekly.

"Tom's become very nasty and irritable and started acting out on her" in the wake of the Deflategate scandal, a source says. NED EHRBAR/METRO

Oink with the old, in with the new

After Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy ended their relationship less than a month ago, both have new love interests, according to People magazine. The magazine reports that Kermit "has been spotted around town numerous times" with another pig, a pale redhead called Denise. AFP

TWITTER TIFF

What do you mean, Lena Dunham?

Lena Dunham has spoken out to question the message behind Justin Bieber's new single What Do You Mean?

The tropical-tinged pop song finds Bieber cooing in the chorus: "What do you mean? When you nod your head yes, but you wanna say no." Earlier this week Dunham tweeted: "Let's do away with pop songs where a girl nods yes when she means no and vice versa, k?"

A day later, the Girls creator posted to Instagram side-by-side photos of herself and a younger Bieber with similar haircuts, and the caption: "How could anyone think I have an issue with Bieber?" THE CANADIAN PRESS

HARRY POTTER

A new generation heads to Hogwarts

Harry Potter's fictional son will be among the nervous British children making the move to big school this week, novelist J.K. Rowling has told fans in an announcement that made a generation of loyal readers feel old.

"I'm in Edinburgh, so could somebody at King's Cross wish James S Potter good luck for me? He's starting at Hogwarts today.

"#BackToHogwarts," Potter creator Rowling told her followers in a tweet on Tuesday. In a second tweet later in the day she said the 11-year-old, who was born in 2004 to Harry and Ginny Potter, had joined Gryffindor, the same house that his father attended at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in Scotland. AFP

She said see you l8ter boi

SPLIT

Chavril announce separation on Instagram

Chavril is kaput.

Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger announced their separation on Lavigne's Instagram account on Wednesday, vowing to remain "the best of friends."

The couple's whirlwind romance began in March 2012, when Kroeger was enlisted to help with the songwriting on Lavigne's self-titled fifth record.

They began dating in July, became engaged in August, and married the following Canada Day at a grand medieval castle in France.

Over the last year, both Canadian rockers have dealt with health issues.

Lavigne, 30, conceded she was dealing with illness in December and clarified in May that she had been diagnosed with Lyme disease.

Kroeger, 40, had to recently cancel Nickelback tour dates in North America and Europe because the Hanna, Alta., singer required surgery for a cyst on his larynx.

Chad Kroeger and Avril Lavigne married in 2013. GETTY IMAGES

Lavigne's Instagram statement, which was accompanied by a photo of the couple dancing, referenced their shared musical accomplishments.

Kroeger co-wrote 10 tracks on Lavigne's last album, produced three and co-produced four. Their duet, Let Me Go, hit No. 12 on the Canadian chart and also made the Top 100 in the U.S., Australia and Germany.

"It is with heavy heart that Chad and I announce our separation today," wrote the Napanee, Ont., native.

"Through not only the marriage, but the music as well, we've created many unforgettable moments. We are still, and forever will be, the best of friends, and will always care deeply for each other.

"To all our family, friends and fans, thank you sincerely for the support."

It was the second marriage for Lavigne, whose union with Sum 41 rocker Deryck Whibley ended in 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Drape Turkish towels over chairs to jazz up an outdoor space

Developers get to the art of the matter

VANCOUVER Left: Westbank Projects has announced Vancouver House, a 59-storey, twisting condominium tower. Top: Part of the project, a giant spinning chandelier by B.C. artist Rodney Graham will be suspended beneath the Granville Street bridge. COURTESY WESTBANK

GIVING BACK

Funding for public projects a requirement for rezoning in some cities

CONDO TRENDS

Duncan McAllister

Public art enhances the urban experience and enlivens city streetscapes. In many Canadian municipalities, condo developers are required to contribute funding to the public realm as an offset for rezoning considerations.

In the city of Vancouver for example, rezonings greater than 100,000 square feet are required to contribute $1.81 per square foot to a public art process approved by the city. It's a way for developers to "give back" to the community, in the form of public parks, community centres, swimming pools and public art.

OTTAWA Top: The Corners on Main is a midrise condo project by Ottawa developer Domicile. Bottom: An art installation by Ottawa artist Stuart Kinmond, part of the redesign of Main Street, will feature a series of geometrically-shaped benches and three, six-metre towers. COURTESY DOMICILE

Ottawa

In Ottawa, the Corners on Main is a two-building, midrise condo project at the corner of Main Street and Oblate Avenue. This stretch of Main Street is slated for a complete makeover, planned by the city of Ottawa. Part of the design includes a city-commissioned art installation created by Ottawa artist Stuart Kinmond and will feature a series of geometrically shaped benches and three, six-metre towers. A series of glass images will depict landscapes of the Rideau Canal, the Rideau River and old Ottawa East.

Halifax

As part of an initiative to bring public art to the Halifax and Bedford waterfronts, Nova Scotia's Waterfront Development Corporation has partnered with condo developer Provident Developments to profile works by Maritimes-based artists Darren Byers and Fred Harrison.

Of Sea and Shore is a sculpture cast in bronze and textured with carvings. A stainless steel element represents the sprawling reach of the Bedford Basin. Standing four metres high, the sculpture will be located in a public outdoor space between the Dockside Condominiums on the Bedford waterfront.

Byers says that the elements come from patterns we see every day: "The texture in the rocks, the patterns in a field of grass, and the foam that forms as the water is stirred and flows."

Vancouver

Vancouver developer Westbank Projects has announced a new 59-storey, twisting condominium tower, a prominent landmark at Howe Street and Beach Avenue. Vancouver House will be one of the city's tallest residential towers, slated for completion in 2018.

The project will include one of Vancouver's most innovative works of public art: an installation by renowned local artist Rodney Graham. A giant spinning chandelier will be suspended beneath the Granville Street bridge, the gateway to the city's downtown core. The large kinetic sculpture will take the shape of a giant faux-crystal, 18th-century candelabra.

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Style that fits a student's needs

DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes

Tiny space? Tiny budget? No problem with these budget decor tips

Q: I am an adult student renting a small, unfurnished room in a shared apartment for just this school year. This 8' x 11' room must serve as my study, sleep and entertaining area. I'd like to spend less than $1,000. What can I do?

A: The secret is to not overspend on the essential furnishings you will only need for one year. Investing in some nice bedding, towels and a comfortable mattress should be your goals here. I've scoured the retail shops to find you the most practical and affordable necessities for outfitting your room. They total just under $500, which will allow you plenty of extras for your mattress, bedding and towels.

Whether it be for studying at your desk or lounging with a guest, a padded desk chair is the most comfy option. **Mainstays Midback Chair, $60, Walmart.ca**

I suggest a single bed and choosing a bunk-style bed will allow you to use the upper bunk for storage in your small room. This type of bed frame is easily broken down and stored at the end of your school year or sold off to an incoming student when you are finished. The wooden frame can be painted a fun colour, or left its natural wood colour. **Mydal Bunk Bed Frame, $160, IKEA.com**

Purchasing a few clip-on lights will allow you to move your lighting around the room as needed, from the side of your desk to on the rail of the bed. **Tensor Gooseneck Clip-On Desk Light, $14, Lowes.ca**

A floating, wall-mounted desk will allow for more floor space and versatility as to where you want to have your desk. These desks are also excellent for creating laptop storage areas in hallways or kitchens in the future. **Prepack Studio Floating Desk, $190, Lowes.ca**

Line the inside edges of your bed with cushions in order to create a couch-like support for sitting up when studying. The most inexpensive idea is to buy standard pillows and cover them with fun, decorative pillow cases that can be washed on a regular basis. **Northern Reindeer Standard Pillow Cases, $20/set of 2, Harmonie Standard Pillows from $8, Simons.ca**

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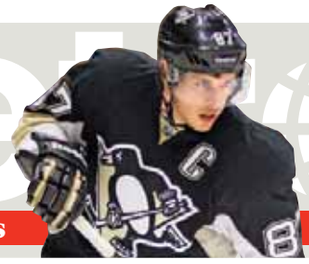

Sidney Crosby is again the top player in EA Sports' NHL 16 video game with a 96 rating

Jays slide by Indians

MLB

Donaldson tallies 3 RBIs, Dickey goes the distance

Even in an MVP-calibre season, Josh Donaldson finds new ways to impress.

The Toronto third baseman drove in a run in the first inning and two in the second, upping his MLB-leading RBI total to 111 in the Blue Jays' 5-1 win over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday. He also showed off his hustle and athleticism, diving though the air to evade catcher Yan Gomes' tag and score on a shallow sacrifice fly ball by Troy Tulowitzki in the second.

"It's gotten to the point where nothing this guy does surprises you any more. I mean he's a super-hero, really," said Jays starter R.A. Dickey, who threw a complete-game four-hitter. "He is in a special place right now."

"He's on a mission," echoed Toronto manager John Gibbons.

Donaldson played down his second-inning heroics, saying he just saw the opportunity with second baseman Jason Kipnis back-peddling to get to the ball.

"So I took it," he said.

With the sellout crowd chanting M-V-P, Donaldson singled, doubled and doubled before Cleveland finally induced him to ground out in the seventh inning. And Donaldson made that play close at the bag.

In the third, he challenged Indians left-fielder Michael Brantley and won, turning a single into a double.

It was Donaldson's 48th multi-hit game and 14th three-hit game this season. His RBI total is the most by a Blue Jay since Jose Bautista's 124 in 2010.

Josh Donaldson slides safely across home plate against Indians catcher Yan Gomes at Rogers Centre on Wednesday night.
TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

BLUE JAYS	INDIANS
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The surging Jays (76-57) have won 10 of their last 12 and are 31-11 since the all-star break. They are 33-13 in their last 46 home games.

Still, the New York Yankees defeated Boston 13-8 earlier in the day to remain 1-1/2 games back of the Jays in the American League East.

Dickey (10-10) retired the Indians in order in seven of his nine innings, dispatching 14 straight batters at one point for his 99th career win and 15th complete game.

"Dickey was so good.... He just threw a lot of strikes," said Cleveland manager Terry Francona. "First time through you saw him show the fastball and then go to the knuckleball. Once he got it rolling, man, for a ball to move that much and for him to command it that well, it was really impressive." THE CANADIAN PRESS

HOT AUGUST

Encarnacion named AL player of the month

After dominating at the plate for all of August, Toronto Blue Jays slugger Edwin Encarnacion has been named the American League's player of the month.

Toronto's first baseman/designated hitter had a league-best .407 average for August, hitting 11 homers and driving in 35 runs over that span.

He also finished first in the league in slugging percentage (.907) and extra-base hits (21).

Encarnacion had a hit in every game he played in August as he built a 26-game hitting streak from July 26 to Aug. 31.

Matt Nichols
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CFL

Bombers deal for veteran quarterback

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers acquired veteran quarterback Matt Nichols from the Edmonton Eskimos on Wednesday for a conditional seventh-round 2017 draft pick.

The six-foot-two, 215-pound Nichols joined Edmonton as a free agent in 2010. He started 12 games with the Eskimos, posting a 5-7 record.

All five victories have come this year, as Nichols was 5-2 as the Eskimos starter in 2015 after incumbent Mike Reilly suffered a knee injury in the club's season opener.

Nichols has completed 270 of 443 passes for 3,386 yards and 19 TD strikes during his CFL career but has also surrendered 18 interceptions.

He certainly fills a need for the Bombers (3-6), who've dropped two straight since starter Drew Willy suffered a knee injury.

The initial diagnosis was Willy would miss six-to-eight weeks with the injury but there's speculation it could cost him the remainder of the season.

"Matt is a player with significant experience in this league," Bombers GM Kyle Walters said in a statement. "He has proven to be a solidified quarterback, and will come in and add immediate depth to this position on our roster." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Yanks keep pace in AL East

Stephen Drew and the rest of the bottom of the batting order helped the New York Yankees open an 11-run lead.

The Yankees needed almost all of it to leave Fenway Park just 1-1/2 games behind the Blue Jays in the AL East.

"They put up a big number, and we were able to make it stick," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said after New York beat Boston 13-8 on Wednesday. "When you get guys down there producing the way they are, a lot of times you can put up big numbers. And we did."
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raonic, Bouchard get wins at Flushing Meadows

Milos Raonic was lying prone on the court while a trainer put the tennis star through a series of stretches.

He had tore through the opening set of his second-round match at the U.S. Open when a troublesome back injury caught up with him. For a while, the 10th seed wondered if he'd be able to finish the match.

Raonic rebounded and toughed out a 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (1) win over Spain's Fernando Verdasco on Wednesday to advance to the third round of the final Grand Slam of the season.

Later, Raonic was joined in the third round by fellow Canadian Eugenie Bouchard, who downed Polona Hercog of Slovenia 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-3. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada better versus Cuba at in Mexico City

Andrew Wiggins and Nik Stauskas each had 15 points to lead Canada to a 101-59 rout of Cuba on Wednesday at the FIBA Americas men's basketball championship.

A day after losing their tournament opener to Argentina, the Canadians came back with a complete team effort to book a spot in the second round.

Canada got a huge contribution from its bench, with Brady Heslip and Dwight Powell scoring 12 and 10 points respectively and Aaron Doornekamp pulling down nine rebounds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Apricot Soy-Glazed Chicken

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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A delicious and easy dish to prepare, made in minutes.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 1/2 lb boneless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup apricot jam
- 1/4 cup light soy sauce
- 2 tsp toasted sesame seeds
- 1/3 cup dried apricots
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray a baking sheet with vegetable oil.
2. In a heated grill pan, sear the chicken on both sides for about five minutes total. Place on baking sheet.
3. In a small skillet, add jam and soy sauce. Bring to a boil, then simmer for two minutes just until bubbling. Spoon half over chicken, sprinkle with sesame seeds and bake just until temperature reaches 165 F, about 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, add hot water to apricots and microwave on high for 30 seconds. Let sit for two minutes until plump. Drain and slice in half.
5. Serve with remaining sauce, sliced apricots and cilantro.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 336.5
- Protein 41 g
- Carbohydrates 35 g
- Fibre 0 g
- Total fat 3 g
- Saturated fat 0.6 g
- Cholesterol 98 mg
- Sodium 640 mg

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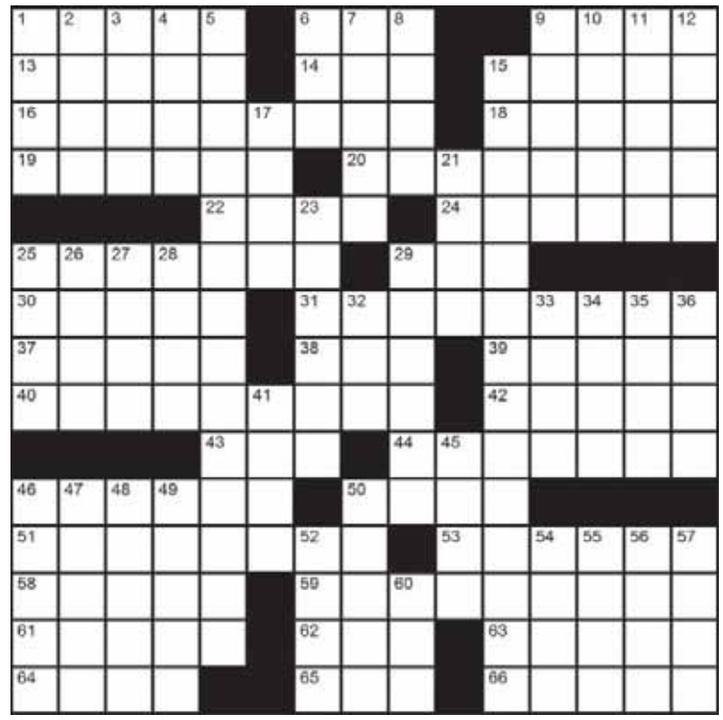

ACROSS
1. Dapper shoe coverings
6. Abbreviations between the names of competing sports teams
9. Halt
13. Bound-to-the-land person of ancient Sparta
14. "The Simpsons" storekeeper
15. Where Tahrir Square is in Africa
16. Botanical garden
18. Earthenware pots
19. Austrian composer Mr. Mahler (b.1860 - d.1911)
20. Wheeled casino game
22. The _ Bible (John Kennedy Toole novel)
24. Snacked
25. Gives the class a project
29. Fish part
30. "Turn Me _" by Loverboy
31. Monstrous
37. Antelope of Africa
38. Dinghy direction-er
39. Ex-Pres. Bush's wife
40. Jock's 'shot' at the clinic
42. Bright beam
43. Mr. Barrett of early Pink Floyd
44. Puck no-go-inner's
46. Regular television show played by Canadian comic Norm Macdonald in commercials: 2 wds.
17. Balanced
21. Portion
23. "Sunday Morning" on CBS anchor Charles
25. Welsh composer Mr. Templeton
26. Unaccompanied
27. Go parasailing
28. "Say It _ So" by Hall & Oates
29. Precede
32. Sought the public's vote
33. Montreal-born humourist Mort
34. _ d'Orsay, in Paris
35. Montreal suburb, Baie-D'_
36. Depletes dinner
41. Procedure, for short
45. Great pitcher Mr. Hershiser
46. Glances over
47. Grain fungus
48. Kept going and going...: 2 wds.
49. "You're still the one _ _ good night..." (Shania Twain line)
50. Water nymph of ancient Greek mythology
52. Pod vegetable
54. Do a gift-giver's task
55. Magic spell starter...
56. Harness
57. Hideaways
60. Co. cousin
50. Fate goddess in Norse mythology
51. 1883's history-making volcano of Indonesia
53. Prince Island link
58. _ fatuus (Will-o'-the-wisp)
59. Defensive swarmer: 2 wds.
61. Highway-crossing danger
62. Laboratory labyrinth learner
63. _' to go (Eager)
64. Remote scientific facilities, e.g.
65. Do some math
66. Bridges

DOWN
1. Layered hairstyle
2. Modern spot of the Inca empire
3. Belonging to Calgary's prov.
4. Tugboat's sound
5. Song by Canadian animated pop duo Prozzak: 2 wds.
6. Cistern
7. Brush aside
8. Wrestling of Japan
9. Bargains
10. Farmland
11. Pontificate
12. Did a supermodel's work
15. KFC founder now

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Find a balance between the parts of your nature that like to feel secure and those parts that like to take a risk. Creatively and romantically this is a great time for you. Don't waste it on indecision or self-doubt.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You play favorites but the current cosmic set-up is urging you to be even-handed in your approach to life and people you deal with on a one-to-one basis. Treat everyone with the same courtesy.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Are your plans realistic? If they are you will make great progress. If not, you will be forced to rethink what you are doing.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Focus on quality rather than quantity. Too often in the past you have scattered your energies in all directions. Now you must concentrate on the two or three things you do really well.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will do something extra special today, something that gets you noticed. Do it with style and your name will be known by all the right people.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Great changes are possible but you must be honest with yourself. Part of the reason you have not succeeded to the extent that you should have is because you have been unwilling to put a name to your desires.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are torn between the future and the past and must find ways to bring them together. The best way is to learn from what has gone wrong before and make sure you don't make the same mistakes again.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Stay true to what you believe in, even if it brings you into conflict with an authority. Just because someone is powerful does not mean they are right. Act on your principles.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It is a waste of time trying to work out what is going to happen next. Go with the flow and trust that fate will steer you in the right direction — somehow it always does.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may feel sorry for people who are down on their luck but don't start thinking that you are to blame. The best way to do your bit for others is to take care of those you are closest to. Charity begins at home.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You need to look at life from a more detached point of view. Some of the things you have allowed yourself to get worked up about are simply not worth the bother.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Strive to find a middle way and you will do yourself a favour, especially on the work front where colleagues and employers will respond in kind if you are willing to give ground.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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